April Term 1793.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland to wit:

At a General Court, for the Eastern Shore of the State aforesaid, begun and held at Easton, in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April, being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, before the Judges of the same Court, duly commissioned and sworn to hold the same Court, of whom were

Present

Samuel Chase Esquire chief Judge of our said Court.

The Honorable { Robert Goldsborough and Jeremiah Townley Chase } Esquires Judges

Richard Johns Esquire Sheriff ——— James Earle Junr. Clk

Among others were the following proceedings, to wit:

State of Maryland at the instance of **Henry Stevenson** use of **William Cooke** and **Henry Nicols** against **William Purnell**

Be it remembered that on the twenty fifth day of August Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety, Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County, that he should take William Purnell late of Worcester County Gentleman, if he should be found in his bailiwick, and him should safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of September next, to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea, that he render unto the said State sixteen hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and four pence State continental money of the value of sixteen hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and four pence current money of Maryland which from the said State he unjustly detains &c: and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril and that he should have then and there that writ &c.

At which said second Tuesday of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came the State of Maryland by William Cooke her Attorney and the Sheriff of Worcester County, to whom the same writ was directed; likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here

(thus)